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SUBJECT: ELIAS SARKIS BECOMES PRESIDENT OF LEBANON

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ACCORDING TO LOCAL RADIO, ELIAS SARKIS MET WITH FRANGIE AT ZOUK AT 1000 LOCAL TIME AND ASSUMED OFFICE AS PRESIDENT OF LEBANON ("PASSATION DES POUVOIRS"). SAME SOURCE STATES SARKIS AND FRANGIE THEN PROCEEDED TO CHTAURA WHERE SARKIS TOOK OATH OF OFFICE AT 1315, SEP 23, BEFORE APPROXIMATELY 65 MEMBERS OF LEBANESE PARLIAMENT. ALTHOUGH A NUMBER OF DEPUTIES DID NOT ATTEND THE SWEARING-IN, THEIR PRIMARY OBJECTION, AS EXPRESSED IN NEWSPAPERS SEP 23, IS NOT TO SARKIS, BUT TO FACT THAT CEREMONY TOOK PLACE AT CHTAURA, WHICH THEY CONSIDER TO BE UNDER SYRIAN OCCUPATION. THERE ARE REPORTS FROM CHRISTIAN-RIGHTIST RADIO

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THAT SOME DEPUTIES FROM WEST BEIRUT SEEKING TO ATTEND

THE CEREMONY IN CHTAURA WERE HELD UP BY ROADBLOCKS
BETWEEN ALEY AND BHAMDAIN, IN PALESTINIAN/LEFTIST
CONTROLLED TERRITORY.
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